



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5429

LCO No. 1633



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACIES AND COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Consumer Protection shall, after consulting with the Commission of
3 Pharmacy and the Connecticut Pharmacists Association, develop and
4 implement a program for the collection and disposal of unwanted
5 pharmaceuticals by pharmacies. Such program shall provide for (1) the
6 anonymous drop-off of unwanted pharmaceuticals at pharmacies
7 licensed under section 20-594 of the general statutes, and (2) the
8 transport of such pharmaceuticals by or on behalf of such pharmacies
9 to a biomedical waste treatment facility, as defined in section 22a-207
10 of the general statutes, for incineration. Pharmacies shall not be
11 required to participate in the program.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall, within
13 available appropriations, organize a public awareness campaign to
14 educate the public concerning the dangers of unsafe disposal of
15 pharmaceuticals and of the availability of the pharmaceutical

16 collection and disposal program developed and implemented
17 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

18 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
19 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
20 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a voluntary program for the collection and disposal of unused pharmaceuticals by pharmacies.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]